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## SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 2200L - 19 0000Z MARCH 1972

1. CARIBBEAN

2. AT 1108, 22 MARCH, COMMANDANT, 1TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT REPORTED TO COMNAVFORC THAT AN SOS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM SS FLORIDIAN, AND THAT SHE WAS BEING MACHINE GUNNED BY TWO JET AIRCRAFT. HER POSITION WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NORTH OF CUBA, VICINITY OF CAY MAN BANK.

FLORIDIAN WAS ENROUTE FROM SAN JUAN TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. SHE REPORTED THAT THE JET AIRCRAFT DIVED THE SHIP AND MADE TWO FIRING RUNS. ROUNDS STRUCK THE WATER LESS THAN 200 YARDS OF THE VESSEL. ATTACKING AIRCRAFT WERE DESCRIBED AS DARK GREEN IN COLOR, WITH SINGLE ENGINE, SWEPT WING AND HIGH SWEPT TAIL. THE SHIP WAS FLYING THE U. S. FLAG FROM HER STAFF AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, AND REPORTING SHE HAD OBTAINED MOVIES AND STILL PICTURES OF THE AIRCRAFT IN THE ACT OF FIRING.

JCS HAS REQUESTED THAT CINCLANT OBTAIN THE PHOTOS AND MOVIE FILM FROM FLORIDIAN EARLIEST. THEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER THEM TO THE WASHINGTON AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT.

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